

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the current application are requested.

35 USC § 102

Claims 1-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Dulepet ( U.S. Patent No. 7,316,003). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Enclosed herewith is a Declaration under 37 CFR 1.131 which illustrates that the subject matter recited in the claims was invented prior to the effective date of Dulepet, namely December 18, 2002. While it is noted that only inventor Eitan Hefetz signed the Declaration, diligent efforts were made by the undersigned as well as in-house counsel and paralegals of the assignee of the current application, in order to obtain the signatures of the other inventors. Notwithstanding, the Declaration clearly shows prior invention of the recited subject matter and so it is respectfully requested that this basis for objection be withdrawn.

The above-referenced patent application claims priority to U.S. Pat. App. Ser. No. 60/435,637, which was filed on December 20, 2002, two days before the filing date of Dulepet.

The Declaration states that the inventors, as of at least December 18, 2002, invented a design-time translator and a run-time translator according to the systems, articles, and methods set forth in claims 1-25.

Attached to the Declaration are SAP internal designed guides (Exhibits A and B), which are partially redacted, that were generated and internally distributed on or before December 18, 2002 and demonstrate that the claimed subject matter was conceived and reduced to practice on or before December 18, 2002. In particular, Exhibit A of the Declaration describes a WYSIWYG (what you see is what you get) portal page layout template module for use in

connection with the SAP Enterprise Portal version 6.0 (as indicated by "EP6.0"). Exhibit A describes an arrangement in which placeholders are used to simulate run-time representations of content components at design-time. Layout template files are described that use dedicated tags to set the placeholders for containers which contain the content components. A run-time tag handler includes content components' run-time generated content while a design-time tag handler paints a schematic. Accordingly, Exhibit A provides support for claims 1, 6, 10, 14, 18, and 21.

Exhibit B of the Declaration describes a page layout module used in connection with the SAP Enterprise Portal version 6.0. Exhibit B describes a page layout module in charge of constructing Portal Page HTML by retrieving iViews content from a PageBuilder module and merging it into a wrapping layout template HTML to provide a desired page look and content arrangement. In this document, a JSP Template defines a template for a page layout, a Page Builder module builds a page, fetches data and calls a Layout Component to construct the page, the Layout Component is a run-time engine for constructing page layout, a Main Content Storage component holds and manages data (content, tray) fetched or created by Page Builder, a Layout TagLib is a library in use within JSP Templates to serve Layout Component requirements such as placeholders for iViews Containers, iViews Containers are a page layout entity which contains iViews that should be presented together, in a certain order, on a page, and an ILayoutStructure is an interface for getting page layout structure as containers and iViews arrangements on the page. These modules and components are further described and illustrated through Exhibit B. Accordingly, Exhibit B provides support for claims 1, 6, 10, 14, 18, and 21.

New claim 26 recites: "providing a design-time translator and a run-time translator, the design-time translator and the run-time translator both corresponding to a same defined page

element or placeholder, and are invoked based on a current mode of operation; translating a placeholder in a portal template during design-time into a representation of a container designed to present portal content using a single template file for both run-time and design-time, the container representation showing a layout context for the portal content that will be obtained and revealed at run-time, the container representation also directly presenting dynamic content source information for the content container; presenting a WYSIWYG portal layout editor using the container representation designed to present the portal dynamic content, the WYSIWYG portal layout editor facilitating editing of the portal template and the resulting portal page; obtaining portal dynamic content during run-time from a dynamic content source, the placeholder in the portal template being translated into a presentation of the container containing the obtained portal dynamic content component; and parsing and locating, by a run-time application, the placeholders in the template and replacing them with the run-time content components, and at design-time, parsing and rendering the same template with a representation of the content components, in place of the actual run-time content components, to reveal the run-time layout during design of the template" (for support, see, inter alia, specification paragraphs 40-42, FIG. 3).

As illustrated in the Declaration, the subject matter of claim 26 was also invented prior to Dulepet. Separately, new claim 26 is novel over Dulepet, and as a result, should be allowable on that basis alone.

Therefore, claims 1-26 should be allowable.

Concluding Comments

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed in this paper. However, failure to address a specific rejection, issue or comment, does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above are not intended to be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper.

If there are any questions regarding the response, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below. Applicants petition for a two-month extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the two-month extension fee, extra claim fee and any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 34874-020.

Respectfully submitted,



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